

Service Date: June 8, 2001

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER OF)	UTILITY DIVISION
CenturyTel of Montana, Inc.'s)	
Application for Generic Protective Order)	DOCKET NO. N2001.5.61
)	ORDER NO. 6345

PROTECTIVE ORDER

On May 25, 2001 CenturyTel applied for a “generic protective order” pursuant to ARM 38.2.5004. The Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) grants the application and issues this protective order to govern access to certain types of information filed with the Commission through CenturyTel’s routine filings, annual reports, responses to inquiries, and other instances which normally remain outside a contested case proceeding. Specifically, this order covers information provided by CenturyTel in response to Schedule 27 of the Commission annual report.

Information submitted in accordance with this order will be treated as “confidential information” under the terms of the order and ARM 38.2.5001 – 5030. This protective order shall be in effect for a period of four years from the service date, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

Done and dated this 5th day of June, 2001, by a vote of 5-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: There is no reconsideration of the granting of a protective order. There is a procedure to challenge the provider's claim of confidentiality. See ARM 38.2.5008. Reconsideration of a denial of a protective order is available in accordance with ARM 38.2.4806.

Montana Public Service Commission
Protective Orders and Protection of Confidential Information

Nondisclosure Agreement

(7-26-00)

ARM 38.2.5012

Docket No. N2001.5.61, Order No. 6345
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I understand that in my capacity as counsel or expert witness for a party to this proceeding before the commission, or as a person otherwise lawfully so entitled, I may be called upon to access, review, and analyze information which is protected as confidential information. I have reviewed ARM 38.2.5001 through 38.2.5030 (commission rules applicable to protection of confidential information) and protective orders governing the protected information that I am entitled to receive. I fully understand, and agree to comply with and be bound by, the terms and conditions thereof. I will neither use nor disclose confidential information except for lawful purposes in accordance with the governing protective order and ARM 38.2.5001 through 38.2.5030 so long as such information remains protected.

I understand that this nondisclosure agreement may be copied and distributed to any person having an interest in it and that it may be retained at the offices of the provider, commission, consumer counsel, any party and may be further and freely distributed.

Typed or Printed Name

Signature

Date of Signature

Business Address:

Employer

Party Represented

